BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSIONER Case No. S-11-0222

ARKANSAS SECURITIES DEFI.

IN THE MATTER OF:

KELLY JO HERMAN (CRD# 3251183)

RESPONDENT

REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION AND HEARING

Comes now the Staff of the Arkansas Securities Department ("Staff"), by and through its attorney, Amber E. Crouch, and in pursuance of its request for Revocation of Registration and Hearing, states the following:

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

1. This matter concerns the revocation of a registration to conduct business as a broker-dealer agent in Arkansas, pursuant to the Arkansas Securities Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-42-101 through 509 ("Act"), the Rules of the Arkansas Securities Commissioner promulgated thereunder ("Rules"), and the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-201 through 219, and is therefore properly before the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Commissioner"). This Request commences a proceeding as outlined in Rule 603 of the Rules.

RESPONDENT

- 2. Kelly Jo Herman ("Herman"), Central Registration Depository number ("CRD#") 3251183, is believed to be a resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 3. Herman was registered as a broker-dealer agent with Okoboji Financial Services, Inc. ("Okoboji"), CRD# 33727, from July 5, 1999, through May 14, 2010. Herman filed for registration as a broker-dealer agent in Arkansas with Okoboji on June 29, 2007, and was approved by the Staff on July 3, 2007. Herman was registered as a broker-dealer agent in Arkansas with Okoboji from July 3, 2007, until May 14, 2010, upon which date she voluntarily terminated her registration with Okoboji.

- 4. The Staff approved Okoboji as a registered broker-dealer in Arkansas on July 3, 2007. On June 17, 2010, Okoboji's registration was terminated through the filing of a Form BDW, broker-dealer withdrawal, with the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department"). Okoboji, subsequently, closed for business.
- 5. On May 14, 2010, Herman filed for registration as a broker-dealer agent in Arkansas with Capital Financial Services, Inc., CRD# 8408, from which position Herman was permitted to resign on October 1, 2010, due to her failure to follow firm procedures regarding private securities transactions.
- 6. According to the Department's records, Herman is not registered in any capacity under the Act or in any other jurisdiction.

FACTS SUPPORTING REQUEST

- 7. The Staff has determined that in 2007 Herman placed \$150,000.00 of an Arkansas client's ("AR1") funds into Provident Resources 1, L.P. ("PR"), a Texas limited partnership private placement offering affiliated with Provident Royalties, L.L.C. ("Provident"), a Delaware limited liability company that maintained a principal place of business in Dallas, Texas.
- 8. Provident is a company that held oil and gas interests throughout the United States. Since July 2, 2009, Provident and its affiliates, including PR, have been in receivership pursuant to an order issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in an action by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). In its initial complaint filed July 1, 2009, the SEC alleged fraud in connection with the purchase or sale of securities; employment of a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; fraud in the offer and sale of securities; and unjust enrichment by Provident in a series of offerings by approximately twenty-one Provident-affiliated corporations and limited partnerships, including PR, which has been labeled a Ponzi scheme.
- 9. A document obtained by the Staff from the Provident Receiver, Dennis Roossien, Jr., and a July 2, 2007 commission run obtained from Okoboji demonstrate that both AR1's executed

subscription agreement for the investment in PR and AR1's \$150,000.00 for investment in PR were received by Okoboji on June 28, 2007. The July 2, 2007 commission run obtained from Okoboji also indicates that Herman received a 9% commission on AR1's \$150,000.00 investment in PR, which totaled \$13,500.00. The new account form for AR1 obtained from Okoboji was executed by AR1 on July 1, 2007. Copies of the document obtained from the Provident Receiver, the commission run obtained from Okoboji, and AR1's new account form are attached as Exhibits 1-3, respectively.

- The Staff has determined that AR1's subscription agreement and new account form were executed, and AR1's monies were received, all before Herman was registered as a broker-dealer agent in Arkansas with Okoboji, or Okoboji was registered as a broker-dealer in Arkansas, as Herman and Okoboji were not registered in Arkansas until July 3, 2007.
- 11. In violation of the Act, Herman transacted business as a broker-dealer agent in the State of Arkansas without being registered when she invested AR1's monies in PR before her registration as a broker-dealer agent was approved in Arkansas.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

- 12. The Act states that it is unlawful for any person to transact business in this state as a broker-dealer or agent unless he or she is registered under the Act. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(a).
- 13. The Commissioner may by order deny, suspend, make conditional or probationary, or revoke any registration if the Commissioner finds that the order is in the public interest and the registrant has willfully violated or willfully failed to comply with any provision of the Act or any rule or order adopted by the Commissioner under the Act. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-308(a)(1) and (a)(2)(B).
- 14. If no proceeding is pending or instituted and withdrawal from registration as a broker-dealer agent becomes effective, the Commissioner may nevertheless institute a revocation proceeding under Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-308(a)(2)(B) within one year after withdrawal became

effective and may enter a revocation order as of the last date on which registration was effective. Ark Code Ann. § 23-42-308(e)(3).

15. The Commissioner may for each violation of the Act impose a fine on any broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or representative not to exceed \$10,000.00 or an amount equal to the total amount of money received in connection with each separate violation. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-308(g)(1).

REQUESTED RELIEF

For the reasons set forth herein, the Staff respectfully requests that a hearing be held to consider whether the broker-dealer agent registration of Kelly Jo Herman (CRD# 3251183) should be revoked as of October 1, 2010, which is the last date on which Herman's registration in Arkansas was effective, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-308(a)(1), (a)(2)(B), and (e)(3), as well as the imposition of a reasonable civil penalty, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-308(g)(1), for Herman's unregistered activity in violation of the Arkansas Securities Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 23-42-301(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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